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SECTION TWO OF FIVE 46T/3633. WEEKLY DRV AIR DEFENSE WRAP-UP (CONTINUED). ON 12 MAY, FROM 0831Z TO 0854Z, FOUR HANOI GIA LAM-BASED MIG-17'S INTERCEPTED AND ATTACKED AT LEAST TWO FLIGHTS OF F-105'S OVER THE VICINITY OF HOA LAC AIRFIELD. DURING THE FIRST ENGAGEMENT WITH ONE FLIGHT OF FOUR F-105'S THERE WERE REFERENCES TO MISSILES BEING FIRED IN THE DAVI AREA AND FOR THE MIG PILOTS TO "BE AWARE", POSSIBLY INDICATING WEAPONS INTERGRATION. AS THE MIGS WERE PREPARING TO ATTACK THIS FIRST FLIGHT (WARHAWK) ONE OF THE MIG PILOTS SIGHTED FOUR MORE F-105'S ATTACKING THEM. OPERATIONAL REPORTS INDICATE THAT THIS SECOND FLIGHT WAS CROSSDOWN (FOUR F-105'S). THE MIGS BROKE CONTACT WITH WARHAWK FLIGHT WHILE TRYING TO EVADE CROSSDOWN FLIGHT; HOWEVER, CROSSDOWN LEAD REPORTED THE SHOOTDOWN OF ONE MIG-17. TACTICAL VOICE FACILITIES REFLECTED THREE OF THIS MIG FLIGHT SUBSEQUENTLY LANDING AT HANOI GIA LAM; WHILE THE GROUND CONTROLLER MADE SEVERAL UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT THE FOURTH PILOT, INDICATING THE PROBABLE SHOOTDOWN OF ONE MIG-17. ON 12 MAY, FROM 0833Z TO 0918Z, FOUR HANOI GIALAM-BASED MIG-17'S PERFORMED A DEFENSIVE PATROL OVER HOA LAC AIRFIELD IN REACTION TO HOC OPERATING OVER HOA LAC. A SUBSEQUENT AIR ENGAGEMENT OCCURRED WITH A FLIGHT OF F4C'S RESULTING IN THE LOSS OF ONE F4C (DAGGER FOUR). TACTICAL VOICE FACILITIES DID NOT REFLECT THIS FLIGHT OF MIGS UNTIL AFTER THE ENGAGEMENT HAD TAKEN PLACE; HOWEVER, OPERATIONAL REPORTS INDICATE THAT DAGGER FLIGHT SIGHTED THE FOUR MIG-17'S OVER THE VICINITY OF HOA LAC AND ENGAGED THEM. (B) AOB THIS AIRFIELD IS PRESENTLY CREDITED WITH SEVENTEEN MIG-15/17'S AND THREE MIG-21'S. 3. HOA LAC ONLY FOUR MIG SORTIES WERE PREFLIGHTED THIS WEEK AND ONLY THREE MIG SORTIES WERE FLOWN. THIS IS A DEFINITE DECREASE OVER THE FORTY-SEVEN MIG SORTIES FLOWN LAST WEEK. THIS DECREASE CAN PROBABLY BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE BOMBING OF THIS AIRFIELD'S RUNWAY ON 08 MAY. (A) VIETNAMESE ACTIVITY ACTIVITY OCCURRED DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS ONLY AND CONSISTED OF AN INTER-AIRFIELD FLIGHT BY TWO MIG-17'S TO HANOI GIA LAM DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS. THIS IS THE LAST FLIGHT ACTIVITY NOTED FROM HOA LAC TO DATE. (B) AOB PHOTOGRAPHY OF 07 MAY SHOWS NO MIG AIRCRAFT AT THIS AIRFIELD. HOWEVER, FOUR CAMOUFLAGED MIG-17'S WERE NOTED PARKED UNDER TREES FOUR AND ONE HALF KMS SOUTH OF HOA LAC. 4. KEP A. TOTAL OF EIGHTY-TWO MIG SORTIES WERE PREFLIGHTED THIS WEEK AND A MINIMUM OF EIGHTEEN MIG SORTIES WERE FLOWN. THIS IS A DECREASE FROM THE FORTY-ONE MIG SORTIES FLOWN LAST WEEK. A. KORCOM ACTIVITY KORCOM PILOTS FLEW ALL MIG SORTIES STAGED FROM THIS AIRFIELD AND ACTIVITY CONSISTED OF UNIDENTIFIED FLIGHT ACTIVITY DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS AND NIGHT PRACTICE GCI. B. AOB THIS AIRFIELD IS PRESENTLY CREDITED WITH SEVENTEEN TO EIGHTEEN MIG-15/17'S. SECTION THREE - SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE (SAM) ACTIVITY. OPERATIONAL REPORTS REFLECTED A TOTAL OF SIXTY SAM SIGHTINGS WHILE ONLY NINE WERE REFLECTED IN DRV MULTI-CHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS. 1. 08 MAY. FROM 0545Z TO 0630Z, DRV MULTICHANNEL REFLECTED THE UNSUCCESSFUL MISSILE LAUNCH BY SAM BATTALION V1475 (2059H10533E). AT 0600Z, AN UNIDENTIFIED REGIMENTAL CONTROLLER RE-VEALED A TARGET AT AN AZIMUTH OF 030 DEGREES AND A SITE TO TARGET

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RANGE OF 9.7 NMS AND THEM IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFIED IT AS A FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT. AT 0604Z, A TARGET IDENTIFIED AS FOUR AIRCRAFT, WAS REPORTED BY SAM BATTALION (VI475) AT AN AZIMUTH OF 210 DEGREES, WITH A SITE TO TARGET RANGE OF 9.7 NMS AND AT 0605Z, ONE MISSILE WAS LAUNCHED. AT 0610Z, THE SAME SAM BATTALION REPORTED A TARGET IN THE HOA LOC AREA, BUT DUE TO INTERFERENCE, LOST THE TARGET. AT 0637Z, AN UNIDENTIFIED SAM BATTALION PASSED A LAUNCH REPORT, DUPLICATING THE ABOVE ACTIVITY AND REFLECTED THE POSSIBILITY OF A TARGET BEING DESTROYED IN THE AREA AROUND XUAN MAI (2050N 10535E) AND HOA BINH (2050N 10520E). OPERATIONAL REPORTS REFLECT A TOTAL OF FOUR SAMs RE-PORTED BY U.S. PILOTS DURING THIS TIME PERIOD, POSSIBLY CORRELATING TO THE ABOVE ACTIVITY, HOWEVER, NO U.S. AIRCRAFT WERE REPORTED LOST TO SAMs ON THIS DATE. 876 NNNH

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